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### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

To the Director of the Patent and Trademark Office

Sir:

Before considering this application, kindly amend the application as follows:

## In the Abstract:

Kindly consider the abstract on the cover sheet of published PCT Application WO 00/11284.

# In the Specification:

Page 1/ line 2, change "Description" to:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.
Page 3, before line 4, insert:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 14, before line 5, insert:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Page 15, before line 11, insert:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION--.

## In the Claims:

Change "Patent Claims" to -- I claim: --.